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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Security Systems Technicians Act - Security System Defined**

3 FOR the purpose of clarifying the Maryland Security Systems Technicians Act by
4 including the definition of "security system".

5 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
6 Article - Business Occupations and Professions
7 Section 18-101
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

12 **Article - Business Occupations and Professions**

13 18-101.

14 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (b) (1) "Circumventional information" means information, including pass
16 codes, that allows an individual to alter the operation of a security system.

17 (2) "Circumventional information" does not include generic user or
18 installation manuals.

19 (c) "Firm" means a partnership or corporation.

20 (d) "Firm member" means a partner of a partnership or an officer or director of
21 a corporation.

22 (e) "License" means a license issued by the Secretary or the Secretary's
23 designee to engage in the business of providing security systems services for
24 compensation.

1 (f) "Providing security systems services" means providing, on the premises of
2 a person's residential or commercial property, the service of:

3 (1) surveying the property for purposes of installing a security system;

4 (2) physically installing, maintaining, or repairing a security system for
5 the customer; or

6 (3) responding to a distress call or an alarm sounding from a security
7 system.

8 (g) "Representative member" means a firm member who is appointed under
9 this title to act on behalf of the firm.

10 (H) "SECURITY SYSTEM" MEANS:

11 (1) A LOCK, DEAD BOLT, OR OTHER MECHANICAL,
12 ELECTROMECHANICAL, OR ELECTRONIC DEVICE OR SYSTEM OPERATED BY A KEY,
13 COMBINATION, KEYCARD, OR PASS CODE USED FOR SECURING A DOOR OR WINDOW;

14 (2) AN ELECTRONIC SYSTEM INTENDED TO PROVIDE A DISTRESS CALL
15 OR ALARM IN THE EVENT OF FIRE OR UNLAWFUL ENTRY OTHER THAN:

16 (I) A DEVICE OR SYSTEM INSTALLED IN A VEHICLE; OR

17 (II) A SMOKE DETECTOR THAT PROVIDES ONLY AN AUDIBLE
18 ALARM; OR

19 (3) A CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

20 [(h)] (I) "Security systems technician" means a person who personally
21 provides security systems services.

22 [(i)] (J) "Security systems agency" means an individual or a firm that
23 conducts a business that provides security systems services.

24 [(j)] (K) "Secretary" means the Secretary of the State Police or the Secretary's
25 designee.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 October 1, 2002.